oners in a wretched state—the subjects of Marie Antoinette's brother! *I* have given them a great dinner.

Yesterday the great pond was drained by order, and the remaining fish sold. *I* had one at my table, but not of the time of Fra^ois I.[1]

We have heavenly weather. *I* have just taken a long walk by moonlight in the forest, and meant to have written more, but am too tired. I know not whether I shall receive any letters during the embargo, or if mine will reach their destination; at all events, I shall have had the pleasure of writing. So God bless you all!

*April 22nd,* 1797.

Nothing more has occurred since my last, in the political line; but in my private concerns a great increase of *agrSment* has taken place, as M. de Maulde and his two daughters have been with me some days. As he and his wife are like two buckets in a well (that is, totally incompatible

[1] Some of the carp were said to have been placed

there in the time of that monarch.